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Among Communist measures of protection against Nationalist air raids on Canton was the organization of an Air Defense Committee, with four sections for construction, propaganda, law and order, and first aid. Members of the committee are the following:

Chairman: SI Hua-jin (廖仁民) Air Defense Commander.

Deputies: CHU Kuang (朱光) deputy mayor of Canton, and T'AN Cheng-wen (譚政文) commissioner of police in Kwangtung.

Secretary: CHENG Chung-ch'ao (鄭中超)

Construction Section: Chief, LI Hua-min

Deputies: CHANG Yun-t'ao (張彙濤), senior member of garrison headquarters, and CHENG Chung-shiao.

Propaganda Section: Chief, CH'EN Hsiang-hsiao (陳湘劬), member of Canton Communist Committee.

Deputies: NCU Ch'iao-jan (趙劍寒), Democratic League

CH. YANG Shan (歐陽山), member of the
Federation of Artists and Writers

Law and Order Section: Chief, CHU Ming (朱明), director of Canton police.

Deputies: CHANG Chu (張村), Canton police

201 I-ch'ien (游錫堃). Canton police

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First Aid Section: Chief, T'AO Ta-ch'ao (譚達潮).

Deputy, LU Hsiang-ts'ang (陸向蒼), Canton Public Health Department.

2. Air Defense Headquarters in early March ordered all groups and organizations within the city to complete their air defense preparations within five days. Combustible and explosive materials were to be moved out of the city to safer places of storage within six days. An immediate and thorough search for Nationalist underground agents within the city was made, and citizens were urged to report suspicious persons. Old persons, invalids, women, and children were ordered evacuated, and all schools were closed.
3. A decision was made by the government to evacuate offices to Chuchiang (113-33, 24-50)** with possible later permanent settlement at Changsha. Transportation of important documents began on 9 March. On 10 March a party of thirty government clerks, under the direction of LAI Ch'uan-chu (賴傳珠) and FANG Fang (方方) with twelve boxes of files and documents went to Chuchiang to make arrangements for reception of government agencies. YEH Chien-ying (葉劍英) was scheduled to leave Canton for Chuchiang on 17 March to inspect the new site and was to go on to Changsha on 19 March to arrange for later developments there.
4. Nan Fang (南方) University decided to move out of Canton to the war-time establishment of Chung Shan (中山) University at Pingshih (113-00, 25-18), on the Canton-Hankow railway line. The first group of school personnel departed 10 March, but many students opposed the move and refused to follow. Some who distributed handbills against it were arrested by the police as Nationalist agents. Among those arrested were YEH Kuo-hsiang (葉國序), WANG Hsing (王杏), and TSENG Chih-hsiung (曾智雄).
5. The Canton-Kowloon railroad administration began to dismantle its factories and remove equipment about the same time. Technicians attached to the administration were ordered to report for transfer by 10 March. Two lots of material belonging to the railroad were moved from Canton to Hankow. The Hsi Ts'un (西村) power plant*** and the Szu Ching (祀井) ordnance factory were being dismantled the second week in March.

* ☐ Comment. An air raid warning system was also put into effect; ☐ 25X1

** ☐ Comment. Removal of the Kwangtung government to Chuchiang was reported by radio and press as a temporary measure to escape Nationalist air raids. A permanent move to Changsha has also been discussed; ☐ 25X1

*** ☐ Comment. The dismantling of other plants in Canton, but for shipment to the Northeast rather than to Northern Kwangtung. ☐ 25X1

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